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ABSTRACT

This book contains interviews and poems in which the children of Mexican migrant farmworkers in California describe their daily lives and their dreams for the future. The nine interviews with children and adolescents aged 9-18 are presented as personal narratives that tell of long hard hours in the strawberry fields, constant moving from place to place and school to school, poor housing conditions, the additional hardships of being a non-Spanish-speaking Mexican Indian, the strong values and bonds of the Mexican family, life in a gang, the experiences of teenagers living and working away from their families, teenage motherhood, and educational success through perseverance. Education is consistently seen as the means to get out of the fields and attain a better life. Experiences in migrant educational programs such as Yo Puedo are described. This book also includes 10 poems in English and Spanish that were written by children enrolled in migrant programs in the Salinas Valley, many photographs, and a list of suggested reading materials. (SV)

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